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SUBJ: MRS. MARCOS ON "UNSEEN ADVERSARIES" IN MINDANAO

- 1. IN APRIL 2 ARRIVAL STATEMENT MRS. MARCOS CATALOGUED THE SUCCESSES OF HER TRIPOLI MISSION, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING POINT: QUOTE THE NEGOTIATIONS SERVED TO UNMASK OTHER ADVERSARIES, BIG AND SMALL, OUTSIDE THE MNLF, WHICH ARE PROMOTING DISSENSION AND DIVISION IN THE THIRD WORLD, IN THEIR EFFORTS TO OBSTRUCT THE INEVITABLE MOVEMENT TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WORLD ORDER BASED ON A UNIVERSAL CODE OF ETHICS. UNQUOTE.
- 2. GUIDED PRESS OF APRIL 3 FRONT-PAGED MRS. MARCOS' STATE-MENT. EXPRESS HEADLINED STORY QUOTE FL DENOUNCES UNSEEN FOES IN MINDANAO UNQUOTE, WHILE TIMES JOURNAL HEADLINE READ QUOTE FIRST LADY HITS UNSEEN ADVERSARIES UNQUOTE.
- 3. EXPRESS COLUMNIST VALENCIA ON APRIL 4 LINKED MRS. MARCOS'
 QUOTE UNSEEN ADVERSARIES UNQUOTE COMMENT TO REMARKS MADE BY
 THE AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 1 TO A CAPITAL MARKET SEMINAR
 SPONSORED BY THE CENTRAL BANK. IN HIS REMARKS THE
 AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE FLOW OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT INTO
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THE PHILIPPINES IS INHIBITED BY A NUMBER OF FACTORS INCLUDING THE RHETORIC OF THE THIRD WORLD, WITH WHICH THE PHILIPPINES HAS IDENTIFIED ITSELF.

4. COMMENT: MRS. MARCOS' COMMENT COULD REPRESENT THE BEGINNING OF AN EFFORT TO LAY BLAME AT THE U.S. DOORSTEP SHOULD THE TRIPOLI ACCORDS FAIL. WHAT IS NOT CLEAR AT

THIS POINT IS WHETHER THE PRESIDENT SUBSCRIBES TO THIS NEW
THEME IN THE CONFUSED MINDANAO RHETORIC OR WHETHER MADAME
IS SPEAKING FOR HERSELF.
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